



Meeting Minutes Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee

Attendance	DATE	Monday, September 15, 2015	
	TIME	9:00 A.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Training Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
		Nevada Highway Patrol – Southern Command Training Room A105 – First Floor 4615 W.Sunset Road Las Vegas, NV 89101	
	METHOD	Videoconference	
	RECORDER	Janell Woodward	
Committee Members	Present	Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
James Wright		Caleb Cage	X
Michael Barnbeck	X	Thomas Lawless	
Rudy Malfabon	X		
Mitchell Sperling	X	Samantha Ladich (AG Rep)	X
Chris Ipsen	X	Janell Woodward (NDEM Staff)	X
Scott Taylor		Rick Martin (NDEM Staff)	X
Matthew Morris		Kelli Anderson (NDEM Staff)	X
Dave Hunkup	X	Selby Marks (NDEM Staff)	
Louis Amell	X	Karen Hall (NDEM Staff)	X
Michael Brown	X		
Sandra Barfield	X		
Kevin Judice	X		
Bill Welch	X		
Gary Hames			

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Co-Chair, Director Michael Barnbeck called the meeting to order and Janell Woodward called roll. A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Co-Chair, Director Barnbeck opened the meeting for public comment. There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Co-Chair, Director Barnbeck asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2015, Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee meeting. Lou Amell made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Brown seconded. There was no discussion. Dave Hunkup abstained as he was not present at the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

4. UPDATE ON FIRSTNET DATA COLLECTION.

Robert LeGrande of The Digital Decision, contractor for the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) provided an update to the NPSCC regarding the status of FirstNet data collection for Nevada. FirstNet's plan is to provide a broadband data network. Short-term plan is for mission non-critical voice with long-term plan for mission critical voice, many years down the road. It is important to keep land mobile radio (LMR) systems up-to-date. Mr. LeGrande also provided an overview of FirstNet history. With regard to the state plan which will be in the future, Mr. LegGrande suggested that Nevada begin negotiating with FirstNet at the next state consultation meeting with FirstNet in order to determine exactly what it will take to opt in to the FirstNet plan. Discussion included who handle the controls of the capacity when an event happens and First Responders need to turn down availability to non-first responders utilizing the network.

Director Barbneck asked how a field survey would be distributed. Mr. LeGrande indicated that his company will put out the survey, if approved, and collect the information although the information itself will belong to Nevada.

Kevin Judice asked about FirstNet building on existing infrastructure and whether FirstNet plans to try to utilize privately-owned assets. Mr. LeGrande stated FirstNet is stating they will first look to commercial assets to partner with and move to private assets later. Mr. Judice also asked whether critical infrastructure is considered public safety. This question is difficult to answer for sure as FirstNet has not yet made this clear.

Michael Brown asked about Federal involvement as so much of Nevada is Federal land. The Federal agencies have not attended any of the NPSCC meetings. Mr. LeGrande indicated that the Federal agencies are doing their own data collection and the gap between the State and Federal agencies is yet to be addressed by FirstNet.

Mr. LeGrande indicated that the data collection for Nevada will go directly to FirstNet as well as the information being made available to the Nevada FirstNet team. A statewide outreach meeting was held November 9, both in person and via webinar. This meeting included a live walkthrough of the Mobile Data Survey Tool (MSDT) survey that FirstNet has put out there for data collection purposes.

Director Barnbeck requested that The Digital Decision work with the Chief of Emergency Management to ensure that information is being pushed out to end users regarding FirstNet as there have been changes in staffing at the state level and he wants to ensure that no information falls through the cracks. Mr. LeGrande indicated that the only way The Digital Decision is reaching out to stakeholders in the state is through Constant Contact. He asked for clarification that the NPSCC would like a report on communications that go out to ensure that NPSCC has information with regard to the communications that go out and provide a status of this. Chief Caleb Cage agreed that was a good idea and they can look for any gaps.

Dave Hunkup echoed the concern that the tribes might not be getting all the information. He stated the importance of the tribes within Nevada participate in the data collection survey. The deadline for data collection is September 30. Mr. LeGrande offered to host an additional webinar to the various tribes to help with data collection. Dave indicated he felt an additional webinar would be a good idea with additional outreach to the tribes.

5. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA AREA COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL (SNACC) AND THEIR MOVE TO PROJECT 25 PHASE 1 RADIO SYSTEM.

Lou Amell provided an update from SNACC indicating that approximately 25% of subscriber radios have been updated and reprogrammed. Approximately 2000 radios in the system need to be replaced and each agency is working with vendors to replace those radios. All but one dispatch center on the SNACC radio system have had their equipment updated and are operational. The one that is not is the RTC but is a work in progress moving forward. The system will not be totally switched over until after January 1, 2016. They did not want to jeopardize their radio system over the New Year's Eve holiday and events. They should be fully operational sometime between January and February 2016.

6. REPORT FROM NPSCC STATEWIDE 9-1-1 COORDINATOR SUBCOMMITTEE.

Lou Amell, chair of the NPSCC Statewide 9-1-1 Coordinator Subcommittee provided an update from this subcommittee. The Committee had their first meeting discussing how to approach the task. They will utilize what can be gleaned from other states including correcting areas where legislation was not well written. The next meeting will be September 24. The goal is to complete this work in a 6-8 month period of time prior to bringing this before the NPSCC. Chief Cage indicated that August 1, 2016 is the deadline for state agencies to bring anything to the Governor's office. Legislators can introduce bills all the way to February. Lou declined to discuss the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NANSA) at this time and will address this in the future.

7. REPORT FROM NEVADA CORE SYSTEMS (NCORE) AND THE NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM.

Co-Chair, Director Barnbeck indicated this agenda item would be a fairly detailed discussion and asked that committee members ask any questions they might have if there is anything they do not understand regarding technology and strategy.

Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)

Mr. Tom Moore and Mr. Richard Burger provided a status report regarding interoperability capabilities. Discussion included an overview of interoperability. There are 16 talk groups in Nevada that are geographically designed. Any agency that has access to the talk groups is authorized to use the system.

Nevada Dispatch Interconnect Project (NDIP) – The only way that dispatch centers are able to communicate with each other is to pick up a phone and call. The NDIP allows dispatch centers to select a module on their console which will allow them to communicate with other dispatch centers directly over the headset. Current status includes monthly user meetings to develop standard operating procedures. DPS has recently begun testing the integrity of the system.

Crossband Repeaters – There are 25 crossband repeater sites statewide. These repeaters are connected into the NCORE system. Currently four sites are fully operational, 16 sites

are partially operational, with five sites offline secondary to infrastructure issues such as tower issues or power.

Action items include finalizing the NDIP standard operating procedures, ensure that agencies have access to the consoles through NDIP, complete crossband infrastructure and configuration improvements, and coordinate installation of equipment at local agencies for the NDIP portion. Additionally, they need to continue dialogue with all agencies to make sure the system is being fully utilized.

Lou Amell asked if there was an expected end date for this project. Tom Moore indicated that he does not have an end date but their department has worked hard to get these in place. Tom Moore offered to provide an update regarding progress at each NPSS meeting. Co-Chair, Director Barnbeck asked that an update on NDIP, NCORE and the crossband repeaters be provided at each NPSCC meeting.

Washoe County Regional Communications System (WCRCS)

Shawn Tayler provided an update regarding the Washoe County Regional Communications System. The NCORE system for Northern Nevada has been completed for quite a while, at least as far as Enhanced Digital Access Communications System (EDACS), radios, and users. Training has been provided for end users.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD)

Director Barnbeck stated that a lot of money was spent to get NCORE up and running and felt it is important to look at the whole NCORE system regarding appropriate training and ensuring the system is being utilized as planned.

Clark County has completed the first phase of programming all radios and dispatch centers. Training is under the Southern Nevada Communications Working Group Agency with 35 agencies participating in training for NCORE. Las Vegas City Fire Department is complete with training, University of Nevada Las Vegas is complete with their training, Clark County Emergency Management is complete, Clark County Fire Department has not provided an official response, Clark County School District Police Department and Dispatch is complete, North Las Vegas Police and Fire Departments are complete, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Dispatch is complete with about 60-70% complete with agency, a higher percentage if just officers. No status on Mesquite Police or Fire or for Henderson Police or Fire.

SNACC

Dave Goss provided an update from SNACC. Dave stated he has not heard from any additional groups. They are confirming that everything is programmed into the radios. Anything missing will be caught with the conversion to P25.

Director Barnbeck indicated that Las Vegas Metropolitan plans to make this operational for New Year's Eve this year and will report back afterwards on how things go.

Pat Irwin from Pershing County asked about NDIP and four counties not mentioned including Lincoln, Esmeralda, Nye, and Churchill Counties and asked for an update. Shawn Tayler stated the first three counties declined installation. Churchill County was not able to provide sufficient space for this. Equipment has been purchased and is in storage and will be readdressed in the future should something change. Director Barnbeck asked Shawn to touch base again with the three counties.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Co-Chair, Director Barnbeck opened the meeting up once again for public comment. There was no comment from the public.

9. ADJOURN.

Co-Chair, Director Barnbeck called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandi Barfield made the motion for adjournment and Mike Brown seconded. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.